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Mr. George Bacon
State Engineer
State Capital
Salt Lake City, Utah

Dear Sir:

I the undersigned am hereby asking for relief from the State of Utah in regards to spring water that I have piped from the Spring Canyon Wash to my home for domestic purposes. The particular spring water that I use is piped approximately 87 feet from the Spring Canyon Wash proper, and I have used this water since 1915 until 1922 constantly. After 1922 the floods washed the pipe line out and I again had it fixed up, but the floods again washed it out time and again, so I might state that from 1922 to 1928 I used this spring water intermittedly. That at times when I could not use the water in the pipe from this spring I used it from the wash proper for domestic purposes and for the watering of my horses and cattle. By this I mean to state that I have always used this water in one form or another from 1915 until the present time.

The Seventh Judicial District Court has now enjoined me from using the spring water I have piped to my home for domestic and culinary purposes. I therefore want to ask you, at this time, if it is possible for me to excavate a well some designated distance from the wash and use the water from this well through my old pipe to my home and be within the law, so that I will not be enjoined from using water from this well that I want to excavate. Is there any required distance that the law imposes upon me to dig this well from the wash? If so, will you please let me know by your return letter if I am able to use the pipe line water from this spring near the Spring Canyon Wash.

I am placed in a predicament where I must either haul water from Helper, Utah, which is two miles away from my home or haul it from Crystal Springs which is a mile and a half to the west going toward Spring Canyon.

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Now, Mr. Bacon, will you kindly answer this letter as soon as possible, and give your advice as to what I can or must do under these circumstances, and until that time I will thank you for your advice in advance.

Very respectfully yours,

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